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Interview Summary

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Applicant(s)

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AHMED ELALLAM

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All participants (applicant, applicant's representative, PTO personnel):

(1) AHMED ELALLAM (Examiner).

(3) Attorney Gregory D. Caldwell.

(2) Attorney Ted A Crawford.

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Date of Interview: July 13, 2004.

Type: a) ☒ Telephonic b) ☐ Video Conference

c) ☐ Personal [copy given to: 1) ☐ applicant 2) ☐ applicant's representative]

Exhibit shown or demonstration conducted: d) ☐ Yes e) ☒ No.

If Yes, brief description: _____.

Claim(s) discussed: _____.


Identification of prior art discussed: Charney, US (6,072,772) and Cloonan, US (5,724,352).

Agreement with respect to the claims f) ☐ was reached. g) ☐ was not reached. h) ☒ N/A.

Substance of Interview including description of the general nature of what was agreed to if an agreement was reached, or any other comments: see continuation.

(A fuller description, if necessary, and a copy of the amendments which the examiner agreed would render the claims allowable, if available, must be attached. Also, where no copy of the amendments that would render the claims allowable is available, a summary thereof must be attached.)

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JOHN PEZZLO
PRIMARY EXAMINER

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Applicants request for the interview was intended to discuss the Amendment to the claims in a non-official preliminary amendment faxed on June 9, 2004. Examiner indicated that the scope of the claims had been broadened by the preliminary Amendment. While Applicants argued that the invention is patentable over the prior art of records, Examiner noted that the invention as claimed may still be rejected based on the claimed subject matter and the most reasonable interpretation of the claim limitations as presented.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to AHMED ELALLAM whose telephone number is (703) 308-6069. The examiner can normally be reached on 9-5:30.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Kizou Hassan can be reached on (703) 305-4744. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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